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Concl. wherein at least one of said one or more servers is adapted to intercept a supplementary communications service request to determine whether execution of said supplementary communications service request is carried out by a server other than an original requested server.

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C2 5. (Amended) A communications network resource usage optimization system in an interconnected network system, comprising:
one or more servers in the interconnected network system adapted to execute supplementary communications service requests;
a monitoring unit connected to each of said one or more servers to receive and decode supplementary service information for the supplementary communications services being requested; and
a control program responsive to said monitor decoding supplementary service information adapted to select which of said one or more servers will execute said communications services, said control program further enabling said optimization system only under predetermined conditions;
wherein at least one of said one or more servers is adapted to intercept a supplementary communications service request to determine whether execution of said supplementary communications service request is carried out by a server other than an original requested server.

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A3 7. (Amended) The system as recited in claim 6, wherein said disabling means is responsive to a recall mechanism for failed service requests.

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Cont- 9. (Amended) A method for controlling communications network resource usage in a communications network, comprising:
enabling supplementary communications service requests;
intercepting said supplementary communications service requests before execution;
receiving and decoding supplementary service information for said